THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) According to the information provided by the Labour Bureau, the number of employees retrenched from public sector undertakings was 332, 1252, 217 and 1481 in the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively.

(c) A scheme for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalized workers of Central Public Sector Undertakings has been introduced from 2001-2002 with a thrust on self-employment of the rationalized employees.

Funds for training of Child Labour

†3049. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated the funds for training of child labour during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any insurance scheme for Child Labour has been included or proposed to be included in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (e) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, *viz.* the Scheme of the National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes, Special schools/Centres have been set up with provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care etc. In the Ninth Five Year Plan period, a budget allocation of Rs. 249.60 crore was made for this purpose.

Instructions have already been issued for taking Students' Safety Insurance Policy for the children of NCLP schools.

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